

Amusements

PLAZA

The Song Festival, a most delightful singing extravaganza, is headlining the Plaza bill for the day and all those who enjoy good singing should make it their business to be on hand for some performance during the day. There are five talented soloists in the cast and their repertoire includes the most popular and most popular of the old-time favorites, which they put over in a manner that is bringing them back for encores at every performance. A very pretty stage setting of Colonial design and the many colored Colonial costumes displayed greatly enhance the effect.

The President of the club is on the bill and after listening to his arguments in explanation of his odd title, one could scarcely dispute his right to it. C. L. Matler is his cognomen and his line of talk is too funny for words. Besides he introduces a novelty that will be appreciated by all.

Miller & Douglas, a boy and girl in a dainty, refined singing fantasy with just a wee bit of pleasant comedy worked in, are enjoying the cordial reception they receive at every appearance. Their songs are original and of the up-to-date variety.

The idea of carrying off big honors with a lugubrious outburst was thought to be thoroughly out of date until Wilfred DuBois, the tennis expert made his appearance locally this week and he has proved that a really clever juggler who can do a trick without tumbling over everything and who can do it quietly and daintily injecting a spray of comedy at the right intervals, cannot fail to be successful.

"Captain Macklin," a thrilling story of military adventure with many remarkable battle scenes and a pretty romance involved in one of the most attractive features of the bill. It is a Mutual Masterpiece produced in four parts and features Lillian Gish, Jack Conway and Spottiswoode Aitken.

POLY'S

Loaves of music can find a real treat in the delightful musical fantasia offered by the Omar Opera Co. headlining a very excellent program at Poly's theatre. Ten artists of the Metropolitan Opera company are in the production of this musical treat, which is staged in three big scenes. The artists are all talented soloists and the offering is positively the best-kept thing of its kind in vaudeville today.

Neary & Miller, local boys, appearing as an added feature attraction, are winning new laurels at every show. Their forte is a very neat song and dance offering that is very pleasing.

The feature photoplay is a five-part film of "The Millionaire" from the successful novel and play of the same name. The photoplay introduces Orrin Johnson, "the matinee idol of the movies," playing a dual role as a miser and a philanthropist. The excellent cast and the dramatic action of the play is superb.

Other attractions of the vaudeville bill are: Leonard & Arnold in a very laughable one-act comedy sketch, "Frank & Georgia," presenting a classy song and dance offering; "Doc" O'Neil, a funny "nut" comedian; and The Herolds, astounding aerial acrobats.

EMPIRE

Tomorrow's feature, headlining the all-feature photoplay program at Keeney's Empire Theatre, will be "After The Ball," a powerful and thrilling introduction of two of the legitimate stage's greatest stars, Effie Shannon and Herbert Kelcey.

Barney McPhee, formerly a local boy, also appears in the picture and introduces a number of thrills that will long be remembered by those witnessing this powerful silent drama subject.

The story has been adapted from the famous song success of the same name by Charles K. Harris, which swept the country some years ago.

In every respect this feature is without a doubt one of the most interesting and powerful stories ever filmed. And all in this sensational subject contains all the necessary qualifications which tend to spell "photoplay masterpiece."

Other highly entertaining photoplay subjects will also be shown, making in all a most entertaining and pleasing photoplay program which will appeal to all.

On Friday and Saturday, a film version of the great New York success, "Help Wanted," by Jack Lait, will head the program offered.

LYRIC

Some of the press comments made on this week's show at the Lyric theatre:

Farmers: Set among Irish hills, sparkling with Irish wit and music with Irish songs, "The Minstrel of Claire" is a charming change from the usual, which is destined to leave a pleasant memory of the Calburn Stock company in the hearts of Bridgeport theatregoers. The play has been correctly and beautifully staged under the direction of Kendal Weston.

Post: Although this is the last week of the popular productions of the Calburn Stock company at the Lyric theatre, no effort has been spared by the management to make this week's engagement as delightful as the first. With a greatly augmented cast of characters, Chauncey Olcott's latest success, "The Minstrel of Claire," a beautiful and quaint Irish play, opened last evening with an unusually appreciative and large audience.

Standard: "The Minstrel of Claire" was a peculiarly happy selection of Frank L. Callahan for the closing week of the Calburn Stock company at the Lyric. The romance and idealism of Irish life almost always strike a responsive chord in audiences. As they say back stage and in the producer's office, it is "sure fire." The audience applauded with a whole-hearted enthusiasm that is too rarely seen nowadays.

Telgram: With a wealth of new scenery, an augmented cast, and a dozen other features to make it enjoyable, "The Minstrel of Claire" opened for a week's run at the Lyric last evening. No detail was neglected and as a result the play proved to be one of the big successes of the present season.

PARK

The Park theatre, on Monday, May 10, will have Charles Frohman's "The Star" revival of Victorien Sardou's

"Diplomacy," with a cast headed by the distinguished trio of William Gillette, Blanche Bates and Marie Doro. The association of Gillette, Bates and Doro is something of a tribute to Mr. Frohman's own diplomacy, tact and powers of persuasion, for to make the cast complete it was necessary to bring Mr. Gillette out of a retirement which promised at one time to be permanent. He has not acted since 1910 when he was seen in "Sherlock Holmes." The engagement also marks the return to America of Miss Doro, after a lengthy season in London. In the British metropolis she was seen in the same role, "Dora," the heroine, who is to play here, capturing the climax of her triumph abroad when she was "commanded" to give a performance before the King and Queen. Miss Bates in the role of Countess Zicka is credited with having scored a triumph of a person, a triumph, adding, another to her long list of artistic and brilliant stage conceptions.

NEW MOTOR LAW
Changes in Automobile Regulations That Are of Special Interest.

The following are the important changes in the automobile law, provided for in the measure just adopted by the general assembly:

Police officers, who shall include only those in uniform, or those who display their badges on the front of their outside garments in a conspicuous place.

No manufacturer or dealer shall use his register number for other purposes than the trial and adjustment of motor vehicles in his care.

The rear register numbers shall be illuminated so they may be legible at a distance of fifty feet.

No motor vehicle shall be operated upon the public highways of this state between the hours of 9 p. m. and 7 a. m. unless the engine of such vehicle shall be reasonably muffled; nor shall such vehicle be operated upon the public highways of this state between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. unless the engine of such vehicle shall be reasonably muffled or that the exhaust pipes of such motor vehicle shall be so constructed as to constitute a nuisance to the public.

The secretary of state shall determine the actual carrying capacity of each commercial motor vehicle regardless of the horsepower thereof, and shall collect fees for registration based on such capacity, as follows: One thousand pounds or less, \$11; one ton, \$25; one and one-half tons, \$30; two tons, \$35; three and one-half tons, \$45; four tons, \$55; four and one-half tons, \$65; five tons, \$75; five and one-half tons, \$85; six tons, \$95; six and one-half tons, \$105; seven tons, \$115; seven and one-half tons, \$125; eight tons, \$135; eight and one-half tons, \$145; nine tons, \$155; ten tons, \$165; for each additional ton above ten tons \$50. All hearings by the secretary on the revocation or suspension of a license or registration, based on an alleged violation of the motor vehicle laws of the state may be held in the county in which such violation is alleged to have occurred. The secretary in any case, by agreement of all parties interested, may hold such hearings in any county of the state. The secretary may use any court room in the state when the same is not in use by the court for the purpose of holding hearings and may require the attendance of a sheriff or deputy sheriff to preserve order and perform all proper duties. The fees of the sheriff or deputy sheriff shall be paid as part of the costs in the case.

Upon approaching any street car that has stopped to receive or discharge passengers the person operating a motor vehicle will, before passing such car on the side on which passengers are ordinarily received and discharged, bring such motor vehicle to a full stop not less than twenty feet from the rear of such car, and remain stationary until such car proceeds or until the street shall be reasonably free for such motor vehicle to proceed.

Now, city, town or borough, nor any board or officer thereof, shall make any ordinance, by-law or resolution respecting the speed of motor vehicles, or respecting the regulation, use or equipment of the same, provided authority given to any town, city or borough, or to any board or officer thereof, to regulate shows, concessions, assemblies, traffic or parades in streets and public places, and to regulate the use of public parks, and all ordinances, by-laws or regulations enacted in pursuance of such authority which apply to all vehicles shall remain in force.

LITTLE BENNY'S
NOTEBOOK

By Lee Page

Ma was sewing in her room today and I was peering way out the window seeing how far out good luck was out falling, and after a while Ma sed, Benny, are you axially trying to fall out.

No mam, Im trying to see if I can keep from doing it, I sed.

And I stopped leaning out of the window and sed, G. ma.

Do I look like a G. sed Ma.

Did you ever hear about Mildrid Jones dying, I sed.

Mildrid Jones being the girl next door, and Ma sed, Wat, wy, wy, my goodness, wat are you talking about.

About Mildrid Jones dying, I sed.

Are you krazy, Ma sed, Ma, my goodness, wat are you talking about.

My goodness, Ma sed, Ma, there was nothing the matter with her except a soar throat, and the last I herd that was aw, better.

She dyed just the same, I sed.

Wy warevird did you hear that, that's dreadfull, thares no escape awn the door, is thare sed Ma.

No mam, they aint doing to put any there, I sed.

Benny, are you telling me a faithhood, sed Ma.

No mam, evrybody nox it, I sed.

Now be careful, sed Ma.

She ust to be a broonet and she dyed and now shes a blond, I sed.

Benny, kum heer, sed Ma.

Aw G. Ma, she did, didnt she, thats no faithhood, I sed.

Kum ovir heer, sed Ma, and I sed, Im going out, and Ma sed, Kum ovir heer, I say. Wich I did, and Ma sed, Put out yure hand.

Put both of them out, sed Ma.

Ill put it out, I sed. And I put wun out, and Ma gave it a fierce crack with the yard stick, saying, Now perhaps youll confine yure joking to less serious subjects.

Wich perhaps I will.

HOME HEALTH CLUB

(Edited by Dr. David H. Reeder, Chicago.)

Germes and Disease: In my health articles, extending over a period of at least two score years I have steadily taught temperance, cleanliness, rational diet and exercise with cheerfulness and freedom from worry as the fundamental requisites to good health. That the germ can cause a disease unless the suitable soil of stomach is already in the system. At the present time it can be safely stated that there are many laymen who are as well, if not better posted upon matters of vital importance to their physical well being than were many of the doctors of 50 and 100 years ago, all of which is due to the broad minded physicians who have during recent years been teaching the laymen the fundamental principles of health and disease. It will be a long time, however, before the "bug theory" of disease is overcome, but it will be a long time before the "germ theory" of disease is accepted.

"As a medical man I assert that vaccination is an insult to common sense." Dr. Charles Creighton, an eminent English physician, once declared. "It is superstitious in its origin, unsatisfactory in theory and practice, and useless and dangerous in its character." He testified before the British Royal Commission on Vaccination that, in his opinion vaccination affords no protection whatever. He has written several books on the subject and has made a special study of epidemics. He was engaged to write an article for the Encyclopedia Britannica on vaccination. At that time he was a believer in it, but changed his views when he investigated the subject. What he wrote was omitted from the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The foregoing paragraph is quoted from an article on "Germophobia," by Helen S. Gray, in the October "Forum," which presents the views of several distinguished physicians on cause of disease, contagion, infection and immunity. "Some of the leading physicians of all schools predict that the day is not far distant when the contagiousness and infectiousness of disease through germs, vaccination, the injection of serums, as preventatives or cures, and the resort to the use of medicines to delude people as a substitute for correcting their habits of living will be generally regarded as superstitious. When that day comes, we shall cease this phantasmagoric and superstitious attitude, this dread and suspicion of others as germ-laden, and face the truth that we build our own diseases."

Speaking of the examination of cat's whiskers and fur by some Chicago doctors to find how many virulent varieties of germs there were on them, she says: "From Topeka comes the report that the board of health had, in consequence, issued a mandate that Topeka cats must be sheared or killed, but why stop with their skins. And now public penholders in banks and postoffices are under suspicion. An investigation is being made by the board of health, the St. Louis Republic stated, and individual penholders may have to be supplied. From time to time a health board or city council or doctor gives out a statement for publication condemning handshaking as a dangerous and reprehensible practice. Verily, a fool and his time are soon parted!"

CLUB NOTES.

I will gladly answer all inquiries for information on health subjects from readers of this publication if same are addressed to Home Health Club, 5039 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill. Send full name and address with 4 cents postage.

Dear Doctor: I come to you for advice in regard to inflammation of the bladder. I think I have that disease and find that I do not seem to overcome it and ask that you tell me what to do, as I do not find it mentioned in your lectures. The disease has come on since suffering with La Grippe which I cured by following your directions in the lecture on that subject. Many thanks for that.

I think I am somewhat better but my back pains occasionally in the left abdomen, if I exercise too much. I have had kidney trouble for many years and much of the time there is a sediment in the urine. One of my sons is troubled with the same way, but he has pain in the back. The doctor calls it lumbago. Now, doctor, I have much faith in your methods of doctoring. I do not use tea, coffee, cake, aspirin, hot water, with lemon and salt before breakfast, eat whole wheat bread toasted and all the fruit we can get in this country, which are oranges, lemons, apples and prunes. I try to drink a lot of water every day and am gaining upon it a little. We live upon a ranch twenty-five miles from town, where I can get a telephone and daily mail, so we feel we are not entirely out of the world. We are all happy and contented. I forgot to say that I take sitz baths twice a day. Is that all right?

MRS. M. H. It cannot be easily determined whether the urinary difficulties have their seat in the bladder or whether the kidneys are at fault. Without making a thorough chemical analysis of the urine, but from the information furnished me, I am rather inclined to think that there is inflammation of the neck of the bladder and that the kidneys are comparatively normal. A sediment in the urine is no indication in itself that the kidneys are weakened in any way. The bladder may be responsible for it. Not very long ago I gave directions for a home method of treatment. I consider best for this ailment, it is simple and inexpensive. I mentioned about the diet which I consider one of the most important things to be regulated in cases of that kind. Coffee and alcoholic liquors must be abandoned entirely. Sweets and starchy foods, as well as meats, should be avoided. Succulent vegetables such as asparagus, artichokes, onions and others are excellent. Fish in the way of meat is permissible and milk should be taken freely. A milk diet I have always found excellent and many cases of inflammation of the bladder, which did not yield to any other method of treatment, were entirely overcome with the aid of the milk diet. Frequent baths should be indulged in, and you are wise to take the sitz baths every now and then, although I think twice a day rather too much. I mentioned in my lecture about the value of marshmallow root for internal use, especially if there is irritation present or scalding while urinating.

To overcome any pains or soreness in the region of the kidneys or bladder there is a safe and reliable method of treatment given in the Home Health Club book, volume 22 under the heading of Lumbago. Also apply over the bladder a liberal amount of the herb frequently mentioned in these columns.

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WAR SPOILS LONDON SEASON.

Although the London season is now on, according to the calendar, the British metropolis will attract few visitors this year, and Londoners themselves have scant inclination for "sewing shirt for soldiers" or otherwise engaged in seeking to ameliorate the lot of the fighting men at the front and their relatives and the refugees at home, and in quite too busy to bother about society.

The London season is not for them, and they are doomed to seek each other's society in Coventry, Milady, as well as "Sister Susy," is "sewing shirt for soldiers" or otherwise engaged in seeking to ameliorate the lot of the fighting men at the front and their relatives and the refugees at home, and in quite too busy to bother about society. The London season is not for them, and they are doomed to seek each other's society in Coventry, Milady, as well as "Sister Susy," is "sewing shirt for soldiers" or otherwise engaged in seeking to ameliorate the lot of the fighting men at the front and their relatives and the refugees at home, and in quite too busy to bother about society.

For many years the London season has officially commenced with the private view of the Royal Academy of Art, and in quite too busy to bother about society. The London season is not for them, and they are doomed to seek each other's society in Coventry, Milady, as well as "Sister Susy," is "sewing shirt for soldiers" or otherwise engaged in seeking to ameliorate the lot of the fighting men at the front and their relatives and the refugees at home, and in quite too busy to bother about society.

It has been remarked by many observers that Great Britain's participation in the war is largely confined to the upper and lower classes. Few of the middle class have shirked the responsibility imposed by their social status, but Britain's millions have largely been recruited from shops and factories and mines and tenements. The wage-earner, and even the shiftless neverswork, have heard and answered the appeal for "king and country." To a much lesser degree does England owe its armies to the great middle class of merchants, tradesmen, salaried men and farmers. This great middle class, so often called "the backbone of the nation," has up to date offered a much smaller percentage of recruits than the classes above and beneath it.

It is this middle class, especially the shopkeepers and hotel men, who suffer most financially speaking, from the failure of the London season. There are tens of thousands of Englishmen to whom the "season" has been their harvest, yielding a profit great enough to support them through the barren months that precede and follow it. To them this war is a terrible calamity, for the Yankee dollars which formerly supported them will be sadly missed.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. William Beloin of 261 Poplar street, welcomed an eight pound daughter at the Bridgeport hospital yesterday. Mrs. Beloin was Miss Ruth Freberg before her marriage. Mother and daughter are doing nicely and are ready to receive the congratulations of their numerous friends.

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